

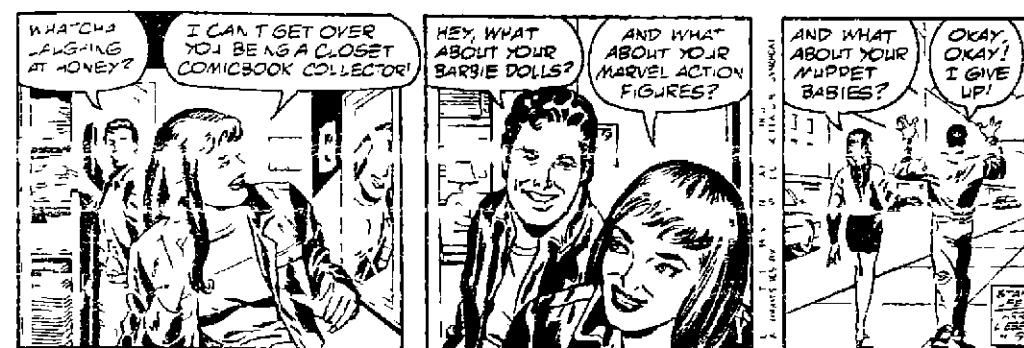
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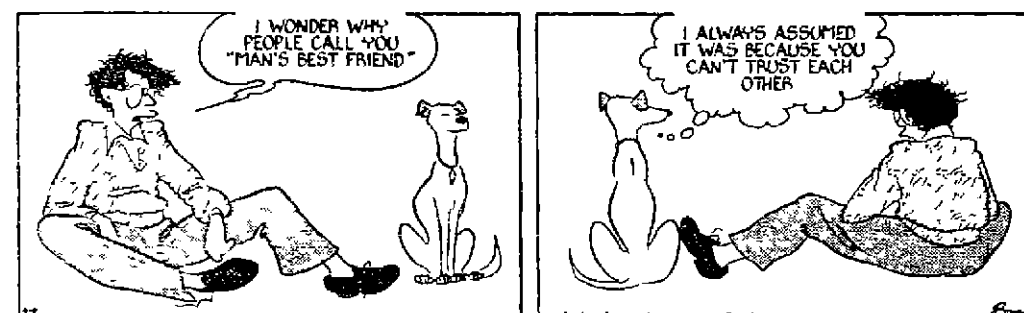
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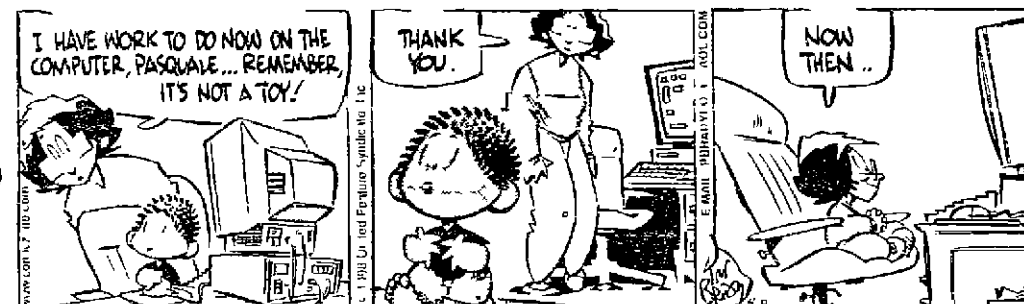
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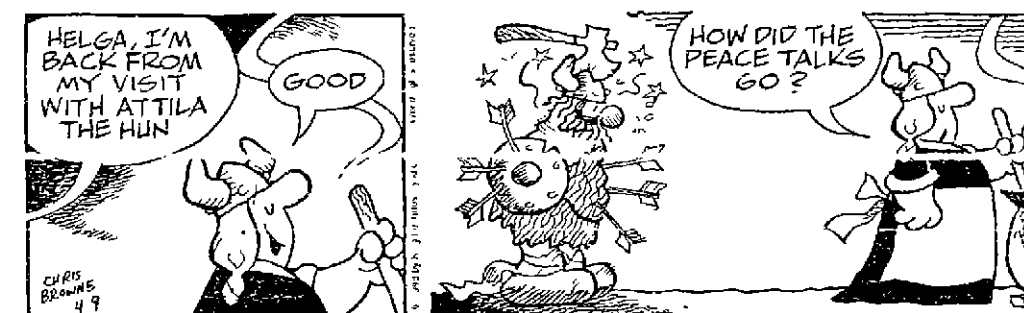
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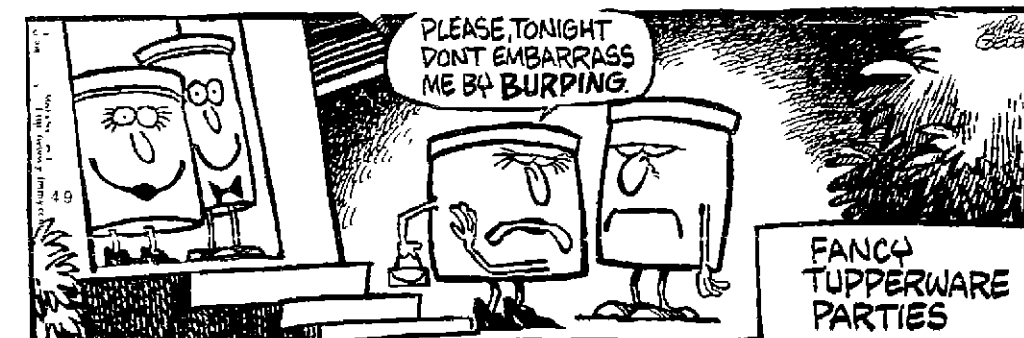
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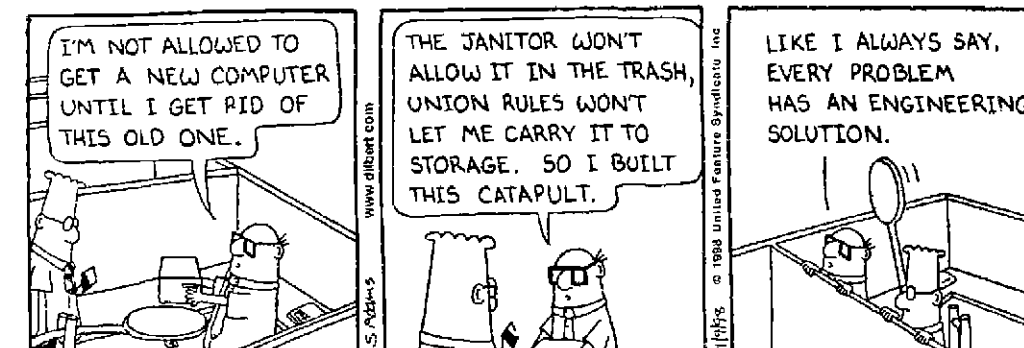
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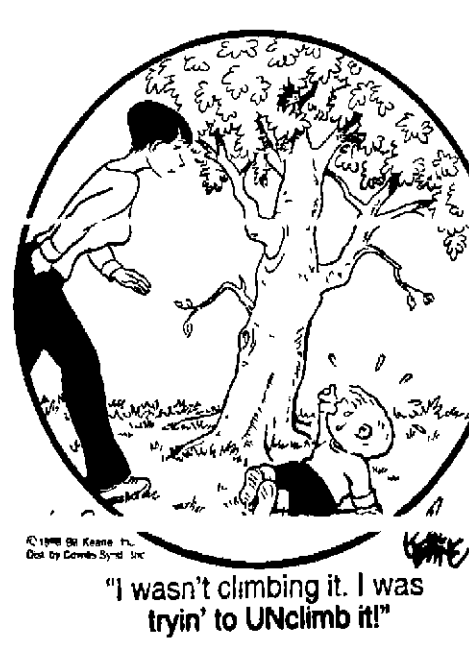
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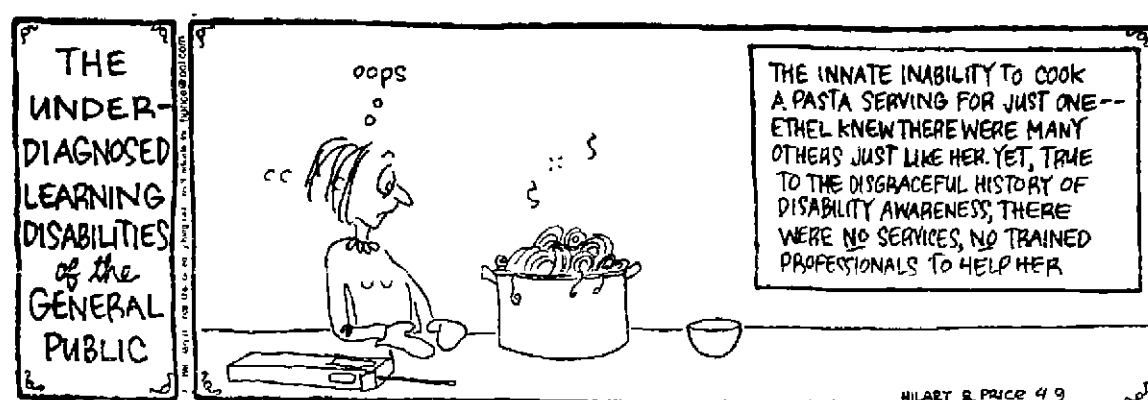
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, April 10, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A new self-confidence shows in the way you speak and carry yourself. Your popularity is assured.

keeping in order. Financial developments are positive.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Communication skills come to the fore. Catch up on correspondence, or do something creative. Shop for the home.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You make important domestic decisions. Getting rid of clutter and shopping for new items could be on your agenda.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You enjoy a healthy rapport with children as you reach new levels of understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might make a major job decision or take on fresh responsibilities and undertakings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have extra drive on the job. Couples are bound to spend more time with each other in the coming weeks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Partners now all together. Meet with bankers and handle insurance and credit concerns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Travel discussion and educational interests are highlighted. It's a good time to make decisions affecting your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It is one of the best days you've had in a long time in furthering your career.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Public speaking group interests and clubs are highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) After you make plans for a weekend party, you roll up your sleeves for a major research project. Your thinking is on target.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Women figure skaters Nagano Olympics

S E B Y V S P M J H E C B Y V
T O O L I G D B Y W A T R P M
K I F D B Y W U T P S S R Q O
M L G U S M E R O L I K E I F
D I B Z X W E K U I U E T S A
Q P O N L B J T C H N F R D W
C I A Y U W S H V T S H A D A
Q N P H N K E B O B N U C L K
K S I H A N I N I L A M F E A
E K C Y L A N O B B W A Z Y R
W I A V O L O K O S K N V U A

Wednesday's unlisted clue: SQUIRT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Arakawa Chen Human Rechin
Bobek Drel Kopac Slutskaya
Bonsky Gusmeroli Kwan Sokolova
Carter Hubert Malina

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0226

- ACROSS**
- 1 Smart
- 5 Not on deck
- 10 Kind of truck
- 14 Unaffected
- 15 Work for: Maffo or a buffo
- 16 Look — (vivid briefly)
- 17 Name on a cornstarch box
- 18 Start of a riddle
- 20 Rose-breasted bird
- 22 Pigeons' place
- 23 Stumble
- 24 Hook up electronically
- 25 Middle of the riddle
- 33 Miss — of "Dallas"
- 34 Biblical verb
- 35 Its hub is in St. Louis
- 36 Like pricier meat
- 37 Scout master
- 38 Cover
- 39 Massenet's "Le —"
- 40 "— soit qui mal y pense"
- 41 Reinforce, with "up"
- 42 End of the riddle
- 46 Not deliberate
- 47 Noun-forming suffix
- 48 Temp., often
- 51 Gate announcement
- 56 Riddle answer
- 58 He was a Lamb
- 59 Cultural heading
- 60 Navel type
- 61 Mosque V.I.P.
- 62 "The one that got away," say
- 63 — Grove, N.J.
- 64 Camper's purchase

DOWN

- 1 Prominence
- 2 Mainz Mister
- 3 Verdi baritone
- 4 Converges (on)
- 5 The — Boys (40's-50's film group)
- 6 Biblical dry measure: Var
- 7 Betrayal of sorts
- 8 Bit for the dog
- 9 —
- 10 Begin, as a lot of work
- 11 Like some racing autos
- 12 Opposed to
- 13 Columbia Pictures co-founder Harry
- 14 Dangling area
- 15 Crucifix
- 16 Highlands hillside
- 17 Hotel chain
- 18 Battery brand
- 19 Liquid part of fat

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FIRST SIDON XIS
EBOLI WROTE RON
NIGAL EARTO ANA
GOAYKRATION YIP
ELATES OAS
DEGREES THAR
ELMS OFFLIMITS
ALA QUETICE NIP
FANLETTER EGOO
MAINO MAJINIAET

JOINEB CHAMIA
ROM AFRAWEI BEAM
TWA GLAZE OLIVE
HAI EATEN SENOR
OYL DWELT EDENS

AGES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Through the magic of the Internet, today's deal was played by four players seated in four different countries. As members of a worldwide bridge club (<http://www.okbridge.com>), each player can arrange to play with oth-

today's deal, the intermediate-level bidding was very good, the play was not. West led the heart ace, and East signaled encouragement with his nine. This defensive error opened the door for South to make the doubled game. South ruffed the heart continuation and prematurely cashed dummy's king and queen. But South's spade finesse worked, but South still had to concede three club losers for two down. This was better than conceding a vulnerable heart game, but not as good as making five diamonds doubled. To make the contract, South should cash only dummy's trump king at trick two. After the spade finesse wins, South cashes the spade ace and leads a second round of diamonds to dummy's queen. South leads a high spade from dummy, ruffing away East's king, and dummy's trump nine provides the crucial entry. Two clubs go on dummy's spades, and the defenders get only two tricks. To defeat the game, East should play a discouraging heart four at trick one. An intermediate-level West would then probably cash his club ace, and East would signal emphatically with his king. West would continue in clubs, giving the defenders a consolation prize of 300 points.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, second, Al Bard, Bill Pennington.

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Bill Foster, Cameron Ross, second, Joe Fortino, Cornelia Yoder, Sunday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser, second, Bill Barrington, Don Paulus, Monday morning, first, Carl Brown, Claude Henry, second, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, Monday evening, first, Carl Hileman, Don Paulus, second, Bill Barrington, Mary Walsh, Tuesday evening, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, second, Jeff King, Monney Moncrief, Wednesday evening, first, Howie Cring, Cornelia Yoder, second, Ron Dewey, Cameron Ross, Thursday morning, teaching game, 1NS Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, 2NS, Beverly Spooner, Larry Spooner, 1EW, Bob Tucker, Al Wistrup, 2EW, Debi Belanger, Joanne Greenhouse, Thursday evening, first, Bob Donahue, Bill Oliver, second, Barb Fairbank, Jim Inerch, Friday morning, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, second, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, Friday evening, first, Eileen Dixon, Judy Events, second, Howie Cring, Cornelia Yoder.

Liverpool: Wednesday morning, 1NS, Dot Joiner, Mary Ryan, 2NS, Laura Distin, Ann Divers, 1EW, Fran Dussault, Judy Ortiz, 2EW, Hannah Dushay, Helene Gove.

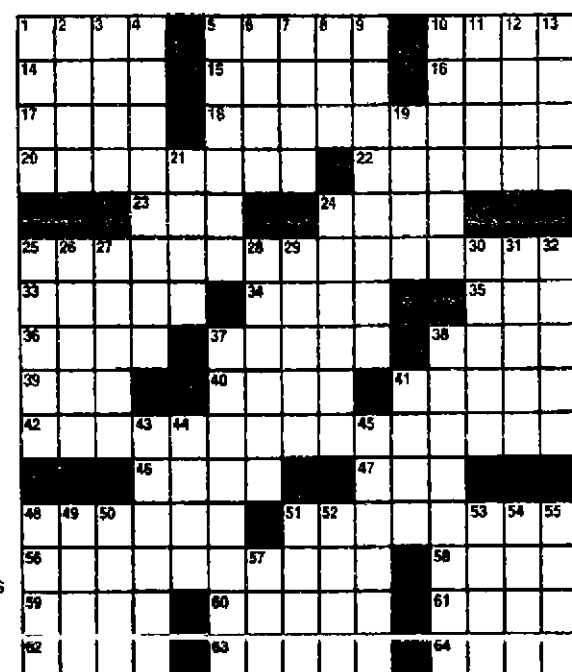
Stonehedge: first, Fran McCarthy, Sally Wright, second, Hannan Dushay, Helene Gove.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, John Hemmer, Fred Peisel, second, John Herman, Rick Olonoff, Thursday afternoon, first, Betty Burns, Dot Joiner, second, Mary Gorkin, Dale Swift, Thursday evening, first, Josh Carino, Dot Eveleigh, second, Virgil Eveleigh, Paul Peters, Friday evening, first, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard, second, Virgil Eveleigh, Ken Koenig.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 72. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 65. Comedian Avery Schreiber is 63. Actress Michael Learned is 59. Country singer Margo Smith is 56. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 45. Actor Dennis Quaid is 44. Gaffer Severiano Ballesteros is 41. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 33. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 29. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 19.



Puzzle by Lois Sidway

- 27 Sword lilies, for short
- 28 Move like a bobsled
- 29 One of Yogi Berra's creators
- 30 Lounging locale
- 31 Mindful
- 32 11-Down, Dogpatch-style
- 33 Michigan college
- 34 Fibster
- 35 Tabby talk
- 36 Sally — (kind of teacake)
- 37 Four quarters

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